ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Old and Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco markets completed the tenth week of auctions Thursday with lower grade averages for the second consecutive week. According to the Federal-State Market News Service, quality declined for the first time this year. As demand weakened, much more of the heavy volume was placed under loan than previously. Producers' sales by states follow: (Week ending Sept. 27, 1979, Virginia, 10,484,749 pounds, average $147.59; North Carolina, 22,799,516 pounds, average $143.78 with a total of $3,284,265 pounds, average of $144.98. Season through September 27, 1979, Virginia, 64,888,502 pounds, average $141.53; North Carolina 156,233,206 pounds, average $139.16, with a total of 221,121,708 pounds, average $139.86. The weekly general average was down $2.64 per hundred from the preceding return. For the comparable 38 days last year, auctions totaled 219,639,559 pounds, averaging $131.31 per hundred.

Resales totaled 2,261,993 pounds for the week, and 15,732,430 pounds to date.

Price losses affected about three-fourths of the grades, and ranged from $1 to $4 per hundred pounds in most cases. Practically all the remaining grades were unchanged from last week's levels and consisted entirely of ripe tobacco.

The amount of leaf offered for sale leveled out to account for about 85 percent of volume, much the same as last week. Cutters comprised 5 percent of sales, lugs, 6 percent and others, 4 percent. The breakdown of marketings showed a strong downward shift from good and fair to low and poor quality grades. From a color standpoint, there was a 10 percent increase in ripe variegated grades, with less lemon, orange and greenish tobacco.

Loan receipts jumped to 6.9 percent of the week's gross sales, raising the season figure to 3.4 percent. The Stabilization Corporation received 3.9 percent for the comparable period last year.

USDA Proposes Grade Loan Rates For 1979 Crop Burley Tobacco - A proposed schedule of grade loan rates for 1979 crop burley tobacco has been announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The proposed loan rates range from 88 cents to $1.49 per pound and reflect an average support of $133.30 per hundredweight, 8.6 cents per pound above the 1978 level. The loan rates for eligible toabcco packed in bales will be the same as the rates for tobacco tied in hands. A copy of the proposed loan rate schedule is available at the ASCS office.

As in the past, no loans will be available on any tobacco graded No-G (no grade), W (wet), U (unsound) or scrap. Marketings of these grades, however, will be charged against the quotas for the farms on which they were produced.

The cooperative associations through which advances are made available will be authorized to deduct one cent per pound to apply against overhead costs.

Comments regarding the proposed rates will be considered if submitted in writing by Oct. 15 to the director, price support and loan division, USDA-ASCS, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C., 20013. The comments will be available for public inspection in the office of the director, room 3741 South Building, during regular business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

List Of Eligible Voters Is Posted For ASC Committee Elections - A list of the names of all known eligible persons to receive ballots in the upcoming annual ASC committee election is available at the ASCS office.

ASCS is responsible for farm program administration and operates under a farmer-elected committee system. This year's elections will be by mail ballot between Nov. 23 and Dec. 3.

Anyone who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote in these farmer committee elections: any individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm as owner, tenant, or sharecropper who is eligible to participate in any ASCS program.

Several general provisions relate to ASC voter eligibility. A wife who operates a farm with her husband can vote if her name is on the deed of conveyance. Any person under 18 years of age can vote if he or she runs a farm, and a legal guardian who runs a farm for a child can vote for the child. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, sex, color, religion, or national origin.

A person may cast a ballot in any county in which he or she is an eligible ASC voter, but he or she cannot vote in more than one community in the county. If an eligible voter has separate farm interests in more than one community in the same county, special care will be taken to see that only one ballot is issued to that voter.

Bake-Off Contest To Be Held

Rules and regulations of the Bake-Off Contest for Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival to be held on October 13-14, 1979 are as follows. The exhibits are to be shown in the old District Extension Office building, next door to Bessie's Snack Bar.

1. All exhibits are to be entered by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 13.

2. Results of the contest by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13.

3. Exhibits will be open to the public from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

4. The exhibits must have been made by the person entering them.

5. All exhibits must be entered on plain white paper plates with the exception of decorated cakes. Plates to be furnished by exhibitors.

6. All exhibits except cakes shall consist of a plate of three.

Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Scoreboard for judging baked products will be: Appearance - 25 (Even, uniform shape, size and color); Texture - 30 (Light, tender crumb, does not pack when pressed); Crust-10 (Tender, light, brown, smooth, not thick or hard); Flavor - 35 (nutty, sweet taste, pleasant odor).

Age limit for Juniors will be 13 and under; adults 14 and over.

Classes
Breads

Class 1 - Muffins (bread) 1st, 2nd 3rd

Class 2 - Plate of sweet milk biscuits 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 3 - Plate of buttermilk biscuites 1st 2nd 3 rd

Class 4 - Plate of rolls 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 5 - Plate of sweet rolls, cookies, brownies, bars 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 6 - Plate of cookies 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 7 - Plate of dropped cookies 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 8 - Plate of pressed cookies 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 9 - Plate of brownies 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 10 - Plate of bars 1st 2nd 3rd

Cakes

Class 11 - Plate of decorated cupcakes 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 12 - Layer cake any frosting ½cake 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 13 - Cake decorated whole cake 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 14 - Any cake using a mix 1st 2nd 3rd

Candies

Class 15 - Fudge pieces 1st 2nd 3rd

Class 16 - Cooked candy 1st 2nd

Class 17 - Uncooked candy 1st 2nd 3rd

Anyone desiring more information on the contest, please contact any of the following persons: Mrs. Pat Trimyer (248-6734), Mrs. Brenda Harris (352-7214); Mrs. Ruby Williamson (352-7277).

Rev. Holliday To Speak At Homecoming At New Hope, October 7

Rev. Deryl B. Holliday, former pastor of New Hope from 1971-75, will be speaking during the Homecoming morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 7.

Rev. Holliday is currently serving as pastor of the North Main Baptist Church in Danville. He is a 1961 graduate of North Carolina State University. After teaching for five years, he entered Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, earning his Master of Divinity Degree in 1970. While in seminary, he pastored the Sanford Memorial and Olive Branch Churches in Brodnax, Virginia. Rev. Holliday has done graduate study at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and Clinical Pastoral training at the School of Pastoral Care in Winston-Salem.

Many of our people will want to renew their friendships with Rev. Holliday and his family at New Hope Baptist Church this coming Sunday morning, October 7. The church invites everyone to stay for dinner on-the-grounds immediately following the morning worship service.

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The Leonard Wilkins Group of Winst.n-Salem performs on stage at the Thomasville Furniture Arts, Crafts & Music Festival held Saturday, September 15, in Thomasville, as part of the company's 75th anniversary celebration.

1,400 Attend Thomasville Furniture's Arts, Crafts & Music Festival; Part Of 75th Anniversary Celebration

THOMASVILLE, N.C. - Approximately 1,400 persons attended Thomasville Furniture's 75th Anniversary Arts, Crafts & Music Festival here on Saturday, September 15.

One of the highlights of the day-long program proved to be the music jamboree. Thomasville Furniture employees, retirees and members of their families were entertained at an outdoor concert by a parade of musical groups which included employees from Pleasant Garden, Winston-Salem and Thomasville.

In all, seven different groups performed a variety of music, from gospel to bluegrass.

Chairman Tom A. Finch and President L. E. Bish presented cash awards to 52 persons who were cited as winners in art, crafts, photography and wood carving contests which were held in connection with the 75th anniversary program. Also, nine children of employees received merchandise awards as they were recognized as winners in a children's coloring poster competition.

The combined entries numbered in the hundreds, and all entries were displayed inside Thomasville Furniture's main office building.

"Participation in these various contests was outstanding, and the caliber of work displayed illustrates that we have some very talented people who are associated with Thomasville Furniture," said Bill Everheart, assistant corporate controller, who served as chairman of Arts, Crafts & Music Festival.

"We tried to create a fair-like atmosphere, and this was enhanced by an outdoor crafts mart whereby employees set up booths to display and sell their own handcrafts. We also had free balloons for the children and free hot dogs and soft drinks," Everhart said.

"In addition, everyone had the opportunity to see a film showing highlights of Family Fun Day, an earlier 75th anniversary outing, as well as an historical movie about the company."

Those attending also got their glimpse of a new automobile which will be given away to a Thomasville Furniture employee in November, as the grand prize award in the company's 75th Anniversary Sweepstakes.

Larry D. Lee of the Appomattox Plant won first place in the Art Rendering Contest for a nonprofessional.

Wilbur Silvester Participating Major NATO Exercise

Marine Corps Pfc. Wilbur E. Silvester Jr., son of Wilbur E. Silvester of P. O. Box 41, Concord, Va., is participating in the major NATO exercise "Display Determination."

He is a member of Marine Aircraft Group-20, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, based at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

More than 11,000 U.S. sailors and Marines have joined air and naval forces from Portugal, Italy, Turkey and the United Kingdom for the three-week exercise in the Mediterranean area. The exercise includes ground operations in northeastern Italy, an amphibious assault in Saros Bay, Turkey and naval exercises in the Mediterranean Sea.

Operation "Display Determination" is designed to evaluate NATO's capability to reinforce and resupply forces in Southern Europe. It is one of a series of annual operations, conducted each fall from Norway to Turkey, which provides unified and coordinated training of national and NATO forces within the Allied European Command.

A 1976 graduate of Rustburg High School, Rustburg, Va., Silvester joined the Marine Corps in August 1976.

Rev. Chauncey To Deliver Dedicaiton Address At New Hope, October 7

Rev. H. Doyle Chauncey, Treasurer at the Virginia Baptist General Board in Richmond, will deliver the Dedication Address at New Hope Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 7. Rev. Chauncey was the pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox, from 1974-78. He is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga in Tennessee in 1964. Rev. Chauncey is a Certified Public Accountant, having worked for seven years in business before he enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1971. He graduated with the Master of Divinity Degree in 1974. He has done further graduate study at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Rev. Chauncey will deliver the main address for the Dedication Service of New Hope Baptist Church's recently completed three-floor educational wing and remodeled sanctuary. The approximate construction cost including new furnishings and parking lot paving is $315,000. Mr. Charlie Vail of Madison Heights was the Architect, J. E. Jamerson & Sons, Appomattox, Building Contractor, and Lawhorne Brothers, Lynchburg, did the parking lot paving. Winebarger, Inc., constructed the new pews in the sanctuary.

The New Hope Baptist Church choir and certain guests will participate in the Dedication Service at 2:00 p.m. this coming Sunday, October 7. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Clarence H. Davis is the pastor of New Hope Church, located six miles east of Appomattox on Highway 24.

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Gwen Foster Celebrates Birthday

Gwen Foster celebrated her 17th birthday with a party recently at A. J. Skateworld. Joining her for the celebration were Wanda Morris, Jeff Lipscomb, Carlton Andrews, Christie Barley, Ottie Osborne, Cheryl McCormick, Joanne Daubenspeck, "Gwen", Stella Osborne, Maria King, Shelia Roach, Sharon Roach, Greg Davis, Mike Foster and Shelia Jackson.

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